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The Campaign: Word goes the rounds that some in Ike Headquarters are seeking to persuade MacArthur to give public support to Eisenhower, by speech or released statement.

These Ike workers have been trying to get people who know MacArthur well to go and see the famous General in the Waldorf and to urge him to speak out for the Republican ticket — but so far without any encouraging results. Whether Taft has been approached as an emissary to the Waldorf is not known. But, it is believed that nothing less than a personal call by Ike will avail.

Those who are familiar with the circumstances of the break between Ike and MacArthur many years ago in the Philippines believe that it would be difficult for the General-Candidate to approach his old chief.

Also, some effort is being made to get former President Herbert Hoover to appear on a nation-wide TV broadcast in favor of Ike. It is believed that this prospect has a much better chance of success than the enlisting of General MacArthur in the Eisenhower cause this year.

We can now report on GOP reception of our suggestion of last week, "How Ike Can Win", for a practical step to ensure Ike's capture of the Southern electoral votes. We proposed a deal between GOP Congressional leaders and Southern conservative leaders in Congress, by which seniorities would be merged and chairmanships divided. A high functionary in the GOP National Committee commented that Republican leaders are now too confident of a sweeping victory to consider such an arrangement. We believe their attitude is gravely mistaken. But the results on November 4 will tell the tale.

Bedell Smith: The head of the Central Intelligence Agency has just (October 13) told the House Un-American Activities Committee that President Truman has been doing a good job in eliminating Communists from the Government. That statement is so patently false that newspapers have demanded General Bedell Smith's resignation.

It is high time, and not for the above cause alone. On December 12, 1951, HUMAN EVENTS raised a question about Smith's record. We recalled his deportment at the time of Pearl Harbor, when he was in a key position on the General Staff. The Army Board of inquiry which investigated the Pearl Harbor disaster in 1944 suggested that Smith was far from alert in handling the famous Japanese intercepted messages which should have tipped us off that Japan would soon attack. The Army Board reported that the decoded messages "reached G-2 of the War Department not later than the evening of December 6" and were given to Smith. But Smith did nothing.

"Whatever was the reason of Colonel Smith for not conveying this message to General Marshall on the night of December 6, it was unfortunate", the Board remarked. "This information could have been sent to General Short [Army commander in Hawaii] on the afternoon (Hawaiian time) of December 6." In short, the command in Hawaii could have been alerted in time to stave off the disaster which wrecked the Pacific fleet and killed thousands of men.

This picture raises the question whether, on grounds of efficiency, Smith should be in charge of our key intelligence agency today.

Over Hokkaido: Blundering into war is a dangerous possibility which looms from study of such incidents as that of last week, when a B-36 was apparently shot down by the Russians in the area north

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of Japan. The B-36 episode, now made public, is not the only one — there are others which have been kept secret.

We learn on reliable authority that on several occasions in the last month Soviet war planes have been noted flying over Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, and under our military jurisdiction. On what precise missions these Soviet planes invaded this area our officials can only speculate: for observation? or photography? or to test our reactions? The answer is, "don't know". Anyway no clashes between our aircraft and the Russians occurred. Why the Russians shot our B-36 is not clear — apparently they did not want us to see something which they were anxious to conceal. And that is disturbing.

Such incidents as the B-36 and the mysterious visits of Russian planes are potentially dangerous. A "flick of a stick" in air activities could transform peaceful flying into air combat and precipitate a diplomatic incident pregnant of war.

Kilgore: The incumbent Democratic Senator, Harvey Kilgore, in West Virginia, is being closely pressed by former Senator Revercomb, Republican, in a sharp contest. A few weeks ago, it was assumed that Kilgore would easily win. Now, the picture has changed. What has happened is this: Revercomb has been accusing Kilgore of a long history of sympathy with Communist causes and has brought out a great deal of documentation to prove his claims. Kilgore has failed to answer Revercomb. Newspapers in West Virginia have taken up the matter and printed pieces along the same line as Revercomb's charges. (This kind of attack on Kilgore comes as no surprise to many in Washington, who are familiar with the Senator's record.)

In the past 24 hours, we learn from reliable sources that Revercomb will soon distribute a pamphlet which those who have seen it say is comparable to the brochure which did so much to defeat Senator Claude "Red" Pepper of Florida in 1948.

Meanwhile, according to Willard Edwards writing in the Washington *Times-Herald*, October 13, Kilgore sued a Charleston, West Virginia, newspaper for libel when that publication reprinted charges similar to those of Revercomb. One other paper, a Democratic organ and former supporter of Kilgore, the *Raleigh Register* said editorially, "West Virginians are proud people and will not condone this attempt to make the press knuckle under. An indictment has been made and Kilgore owes an explanation to the people — not an attempt to club the press through the courts." Consequently, Revercomb has made great progress, but needs help. McCarthy and Nixon may make speeches in the state in his behalf. But Stevenson GHQ is sending in shock troops of writers and lecturers to help Kilgore.

In Washington, those who fight the real battle against Communism hope that Revercomb will defeat Kilgore. They point out that if Senator McCarran, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and prominent foe of Communism, should die (he is 76), the next ranking Democrat is Kilgore who would therefore succeed him. In view of Kilgore's well-known sympathies for the Left, one can imagine what would happen to McCarran's work in such fields as those covered by the Senate Internal Security Committee.

Senate Elections: We must report that a wave of confidence — perhaps over-confidence — has swept the GOP here about the chances of winning the Senate. Early this year, the Party was gloomy, but now hopes revive because of reports of a better showing in a number of states.

Specifically, unexpectedly favorable situations have arisen in a number of states hitherto regarded as surely Democratic. We mentioned above the case of Revercomb vs. Kilgore in West Virginia. Additionally, Congressman Beall, Republican, in Maryland is regarded as having a good chance of defeating George P. Mahoney, Democratic Senatorial candidate in that state. (Incumbent Sen. Herbert O'Conor, Democrat, has retired and Mahoney is trying to hold this seat for the Democrats.) Strong internal convulsions within the Democratic Party in Maryland reportedly have made Beall's campaign easier.

Also, in Wyoming, incumbent Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, Democrat, seems to have worn out his welcome with state voters and Republican Governor Barrett has a better chance of winning against him in the Senatorial race. In Michigan, Democratic incumbent Senator Blair Moody is strongly pressed by Congressman Potter, a popular legless veteran, who is running for the first time for the Senate. Finally, in New Mexico, incumbent Democratic Senator Dennis Chavez is facing formidable opposition from General Patrick Hurley in the Senate contest.

However, the race is reportedly very close for five Republican Senate seats — Cain in Washington, Kem in Missouri, Ecton in Montana, Jenner in Indiana, Lodge in Massachusetts. Summing up, people on Capitol Hill guess that the Republicans may score some surprises, but overall will probably fall short of winning a clear majority.

Class of '46: Among the excellent group of GOP Senators sent to Washington six years ago for their first term and who are now up for re-election is one Senator William Jenner of Indiana, worthy of special notice. We have just run across a fine tribute to the Indianan. Dr. John B. Crane in his column to American newspapers from Frankfurt, Germany, reports on the notes of a German student just escaped from East Germany to the Western zone. The student in his study notes relates how the Communist schools in the East teach that there are six stages in the development of society: primitive system, slavery, feudalism, capitalism, socialism and finally Communism. The Communists suggest to the student that he look with favor on socialism and socialist governments because these prepare the way for Communism.

Dr. Crane remarks: "I have heard Sen. William Jenner in more than one eloquent speech on the floor of the Senate warn that socialism is a step towards Communism and that we must not build up socialism either in Western Europe or at home. His Fair Deal opponents laughed at him." Indeed, this faculty of foresight typifies Jenner, who has the intelligence to perceive long in advance what the danger is and who has the courage to proclaim it on the floor of the Senate.

There are other GOP Senators, now running for re-election, who deserve support. Harry Cain of Washington is waging a gallant fight; like Jenner he espouses unpopular causes, but does not waver. Then there is Jim Kem of Missouri, battling very heavy odds. Kem is a serious, hard working legislator — excellent in his voting record on both foreign and domestic issues, a much more reliable man than his opponent, Mr. Stuart Symington, who served the Fair Deal in Washington. Somewhat like Kem is Zales Ecton of Montana, trying to save his seat from a popular Democratic opponent, Mike Mansfield. We have watched the two for years — Ecton is the one whom conservatives would prefer. In Nevada, George Malone seeks to retain his seat in the Senate against a newcomer Don Mechling, a Democrat. Malone has a good voting record on both domestic and foreign affairs; his strong fight against the dismantling of industry in Germany is remembered. Finally, there is Watkins of Utah, a valiant fighter for a sound foreign policy.

Of the "class of 1946", the above are the ones whose seats are in danger; others have clearer sailing. Hugh Butler, a fine Senator, is a sure winner for re-election in Nebraska. McCarthy is "in", in Wisconsin. Williams is a probable winner in Delaware as a result of his fine exposures of corruption. Bricker, an excellent colleague of Taft, is given the edge in Ohio. Martin, a sound legislator, is regarded as "safe" in Pennsylvania.

In Nebraska, some Republicans may vote for a Democrat against the Republican senatorial candidate (for the two-year term), Dwight Griswold. The Democratic candidate is William Ritchie of Omaha, who has unfurled a domestic and foreign policy program that would satisfy the most exacting followers of Senator Robert A. Taft. Griswold has a record of supporting the "one world" philosophy and did work abroad for the Democratic Administration six years ago after his defeat by Sen. Hugh Butler for the Senate nomination.

Not Communists, But: The law bounced out of their jobs a half dozen New York City school teachers because of their presumptive Communistic leanings. Since he who pays the fiddler has a right to call the tunes, the action of the Board of Education is not to be quarrelled with. We quarrel, however, with the law because it does not define Communism, so that the taxpayers of New York might know why a teacher who adheres to it is not a proper teacher of children.

For instance, the basic tenet of Communism is the denial of private property. If that is what the law disagrees with, then all who teach it, whether or not they admit their affinity with Communism, ought not to be allowed to teach in public schools. Yet, there is evidence that not only teachers but even the makers of law are in agreement that the individual has no absolute right to property, that ownership is not an unqualified evil; in fact, the State asserts its prior right to all that is produced, as witness, income taxation. If all who teach this priority of the State are to be disqualified, who would teach? (What textbooks would be used?)

Communism also denies the doctrine of natural rights, as well as the God from Whom the doctrine maintains these rights are derived. This is in agreement with the teachings of John Dewey, which have had a great influence on pedagogy. Is a Deweyite a Communist? If so, then hardly a teacher in the New York schools is exempt from disqualification — if the law is logical. For, we do not know of a pedagogical school in the country (except, perhaps, those of the Catholic faith), which denies Deweyism.

The failure of the law to define Communism causes us much more chagrin than the fate of the half dozen Communist teachers.

Book Front: It is rumored that General Marshall's reputation will suffer as a result of the publication of a forthcoming book by Admiral Ernest J. King, famous commander of World War II. The book which will be published by W. W. Norton & Company is entitled *Fleet Admiral King, a Naval Record,* by the Admiral and Walter Muir Whitehill.

As a matter of fact, one chapter from the book has just appeared in the October issue of the Proceedings of the U. S. Naval Institute. In this excerpt from the book, the famous leader of our Navy in the last war has some severe things to say about the Pearl Harbor disaster. "He (King) felt", so runs the Institute journal, "that the Roberts Commission had not reached the heart of the matter, but merely produced scapegoats to satisfy the popular demand for fixing the responsibility for the Pearl Harbor debacle. It had seemed to him that Admiral Kimmel and General Short had been sacrificed to political expedience." (The Roberts Commission was headed by Supreme Court Justice Owen Roberts and reported in 1942.)

King was aroused by the shelving of Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations and, therefore, together with General Marshall one of the principal characters in the Pearl Harbor drama. King interpreted Stark's shelving in 1942 as a high level move to make Stark a "scapegoat" for the Hawaiian disaster. He regarded Stark's position as involving less responsibility for the safety of Pearl Harbor than that held by Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall. "By arrangement of many years standing", writes Admiral King, "the Army was responsible for the land defense of the Hawaiian Islands, including the security of Pearl Harbor and ships in port there."

The Naval Institute article proceeds to comment: "King had never been able to reconcile the difference in the President's treatment of Admiral Stark and General Marshall in regard to Pearl Harbor." In short, why was Stark made a scapegoat instead of Marshall?

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GOOD MORNING, MR. STEVENSON

By FELIX WITTMER

HAVING ATTENDED Princeton, Harvard and Northwestern, dear Governor, you should be acquainted with the fundamentals of our form of government. However, in view of certain statements you have made during the present campaign, and more particularly because of the character of your support, it seems necessary to call your attention to these fundamentals.

In the first place, the Founding Fathers knew well that the individual, who hadn't had much experience in freedom during the eons he had inhabited the earth, would suffocate in any Utopian direct democracy. Therefore, they adopted the checks-and-balances system of representative government, incorporating it in the Constitution of the United States. Though the socialists are wont to call this document outdated, the fact is that, in view of the many centuries of authoritarianism which preceded its adoption, it is a most modern masterwork. Under that Constitution we Americans have enjoyed more freedom than the peoples of the world had ever known.

For one thing, we have not had any so-called workers' party which, through the unscrupulous exploitation of the mass vote, organizes systematic robbery in the guise of the welfare state. There was one attempt at a labor party in America — Senator Robert M. LaFollette's Progressive Party of 1924. It obtained less than five million votes and disappeared. Only when Franklin Delano Roosevelt, eager to prolong his reign, encouraged the organization of the CIO and its Communist-directed Political Action Committee, was America put on the way to political socialism.

Within a few years, the Democratic Party became the captive of the socialists. Roosevelt in 1944 and Truman in 1948 won the elections with the backing of organized labor. What is left of the Democratic Party is mostly the name. The Democratic Party is now in reality the Socialist Party of America.

The same forces of mass tyranization which have brought impoverishment, fear and despair to once hopeful and glorious Europe now threaten to engulf us. The rise of the tyrannical masses — through the ascendance of your party — may be the death signal for our Constitution, with its guarantees of individual freedom.

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REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM, setting class against class, comes to us from Europe, now the Continent of frenzied strife and despair. Europe had an International Workingmen's Association as early as 1864. The Germans founded a Social Democratic (i.e., Socialistic) Labor Party as early as 1869. The French established the (socialist) Worker's Party around 1875. The endeavors of the British socialists led to the Independent Labor Party of 1893 and the Labor Party of 1906.

Both the CIO and AFL, as of today, are not designed to represent the workingmen for the purpose of bargaining and obtaining more suitable working conditions. They are political machines, run on the principles of totalitarian dictatorships and aiming to obliterate our free enterprise system and destroy our constitutional immunities.

Both coalitions of our labor unions are guided by Marxian Politburos: The CIO by the Political Action Committee and the AFL by the Labor's League for Political Education. While the CIO has been more of the revolutionary type and the AFL never of the Fabian or reformist undermining variety, both of them, through PAC and LLPE, aim at establishing the proletarian class dictatorship. If either prevails, a dictatorship of labor leaders would replace our republican form of government.

Roosevelt's attempt to pack the Supreme Court was a brazen, cynical and shameless expression of disregard for America's most cherished possession. Truman's recent seizure of the steel plants and his refusal to be guided by the law which Congress had established reveal him as equally unworthy of our heritage.

Political immorality is by now so widespread that the two politicians who had been in the White House for the past two decades, in the cases mentioned, were not even aware of the responsibilities which our Constitution had placed on them. Nor did they feel inhibited by its provision for the safeguarding of private property. It suited their ambitions to call upon the intellectual collectivists to help them manage the nation's economy, and the collectivists, following the Marxian pattern they had learned at college, attacked American business with whole panzer divisions of regulations, economic strangulations and expropriations.

As a result of a sequence of reckless experiments in socialism we are now saddled with close to 300 billion dollars of debt, and our dollar buys but half of what it bought in 1939. The Administrations of Roosevelt and Truman conveniently forgot that government money is the people's money. They certainly forgot that businessmen, too, are people. Rob the enterprising and give the loot to the voters, that is the philosophy of the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations.

Roosevelt and Truman thus followed the un-American dictum of Karl Marx, "From each according to his ability to each according to his need." They thus went the Lord one better, for Christ said, "Who made me a divider over you? And He said unto them, Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." (Luke: 12:14:15.)

FOR THE FIRST TIME in American history, Governor, organized labor officially backs one of the two principal Presidential candidates. Organized labor now is virtually a labor party. You, Mr. Stevenson, are the official choice both of the CIO and AFL. You are the choice not of the individual workers, but of the political revolutionaries who dominate our working men in approved totalitarian fashion. If our working men knew that the socialism of their masters must, by the strangulation of enterprise, lead to their own impoverishment, you could not count on this support.

If it were still a custom to call a spade a spade, you, Governor, would come out straight and say, "I, Adlai Ewing Stevenson, am the Socialist Candidate for the American Presidency. I have denounced the Taft-Hartley Act, which is our first attempt to be fair to both labor and employer; but I have not said what I want to take its place. Considering that the CIO endorsed me even two weeks before my Labor Day speech I give everyone three guesses as to what sort of impartial labor legislation I favor. By supporting compulsory FEPC I advocate additional state control. I, Adlai Ewing Stevenson, have also no criticism of our government deficit spending to offer. Dilution of our currency doesn't bother me. I'm a progressive. I'm a socialist, pure and simple."

Your socialism, Mr. Stevenson, is so close to that of our curious friends of the Soviet Union that you have manifestly fallen for their line. You seem to be well qualified for the role of Soviet fall guy. Any American whose mind has not been poisoned by crypto-Communist news analysts knows that Joe McCarthy is a genuine American, and that the uproar against so-called McCarthyism is a plant of the Soviet agents. But you, Governor, in your Legion speech, and elsewhere, have joined the pinko chorus of the wailing do-gooding fraternity which gets more excited over the McCarthyist "peril" than over the Communist threat to free America.

"If there are Communist teachers", you said in the same speech. Why the "if", Governor? Do you still have any doubt that our school systems, on all levels, are chock full of Commies and fellow-travellers? Don't you know that the Communist Party, itself, in a public report, has boasted of 1,200 dues-paying members who were employed in the school system of the City of New York alone? Do you live in fairyland, Governor?

In your New Jersey speech you praised "the blazing record of growth and change and progress we have written in these two memorable decades". Two weeks later, in

San Francisco, you said that "America is threatened as never before". Isn't the threat to America a direct result of that socialistic, Commie-coddling policy which you have characterized as a "blazing record"? Who delivered Balts, Czechs, Poles, Eastern Germans, Chinese and others — some 600 million people — into the hands of the Soviet barbarians? Did the passing Administration, with which you have identified yourself, have nothing to do with these crimes?

"The people of this country", you said before the Jersey Democrats, "are better off than they . . . have ever been." Have you forgotten our pensioners, the widows and the orphans, or do you exclude them from what you call "the people" because they won't get you enough votes?

Let us be precise, Governor, more precise than you have been in your speeches. Twenty-five years ago the beneficiary of a $100,000 trust fund in U.S. Government bonds had an income of $4,000 per year. These bonds, long since matured, have been replaced by bonds which yield but $2,500 per year. Taxes reduce that income to $2,200. Noting what the dollar was worth at that time and what it buys now, the beneficiary has about $1,250 to spend, instead of the original $4,000. How does that fit into the "blazing record", Governor?

In the historical perspective, sir, you play a miserable role — as far as freedom goes; for, as the official choice of the CIO and AFL bosses you are an instrument in the hands of those who are destroying western civilization, the first in history which really knew individual freedom. Because through your whole adult life you have been the associate and friend of socialists, Communist-fronters and Communists, you do not see that your blueprints for government control spell the decline and ruin of free America.

Jack Kroll, the mastermind of CIO's Political Action Committee, and Jake Arvey, Chicago's crony of the CIO, actually are your guiding spirits. Wilson Wyatt, bigwig of the socialistic Americans for Democratic Action, and Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., the apologists for Communist fronts, manage your campaign. Leftists like Marshall Field and inveterate joiners of Communist fronts among the Truman darlings like Frank Porter Graham are your closest friends. Ever fearful of the McCarthyist bogey, you even voluntarily testified in behalf of Alger Hiss.

Approved by Acheson and Eleanor Roosevelt, you will, as you proposed in San Francisco, "negotiate" with Eleanor's "Soviet friends". You still don't know that any agreement with the Soviets is not worth the paper on which it is written; for you are that symbol of western decadence, the socialist grave-digger of our Constitution. May the Lord have mercy on America — if you become its President.

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